

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
JULY 15, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Brady, Kimenker, Somers  
Alternates Present: Levenson  
Absent: Everett, Brewer, Moriarty  
Staff: Vandenbosch, Galetta

Vice-Chairperson Somers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and sat Levenson for Moriarty.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 14-28 – 105 River Road; Leah Hartman, owner; Stephen Burdick, applicant; Deck. PIN #261914431612

Bill Bertsche of Mercer & Bertsche Architects presented to the Commission for Leah Hartman, owner of 105 River Road. An existing deck in the front of the house is structurally damaged and rotted and is in need of repair. While doing the repair work the homeowner would also like to expand the deck. The decking material will be a composite which is made by Azek. They are proposing to use an Azek Rail Reserve system which is historic looking with a traditional rail cap. The posts will be pressure treated and wrapped in Azek and PVC. The lattice work will be made of PVC with a 2” hole. The entire deck will look like wood and will be painted white.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan
- Material cut sheets
- Elevation drawings

Vice-Chairperson Somers asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

HDC 14-29 – 10 Water Street; The Mystic Group At Mystic, LLC, owner; Jessica Watrous, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918306539

The applicant was not present at the public hearing.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:14 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 14-28 – 105 River Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1946

HDC 14-29 – 10 Water Street

MOTION: To continue the hearing to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Architect Bill Bertsche appeared before the Commission to represent Leah Hartman owner of 105 River Road. The homeowner would like to add a low porch roof over stone steps in the rear of the house. An iron rail will also be added.

Robert Burke, of Burke Enterprises, appeared before the Commission to represent Chelsea Groton Bank, which owns 2 Water Street. The bank is proposing a logo change out and to dress up existing signage. The acorn will be smaller but the font and color for the signs will remain the same. The traffic control and pedestrian control signs are in most need of a change out.

Peter Springsteel and Joy Shore appeared before the Commission to discuss the complete demolition of the house at 5 Grove Avenue, which Joy recently purchased. The house has not been lived in for a long period of time and is beyond repair. She does plan to keep the outbuilding structure. The property is located in the flood zone and must comply with current code. The Commission recommended an application for the demolition of the house structure prior to moving forward with an application for the new dwelling. The Commission requested an affidavit or other documentation relative to the structural integrity of the house or lack thereof.

Brian Ferguson, owner of 9 Park Place, appeared before the Commission to propose replacing 25 windows in his home with Renewal by Andersen windows. The windows are inserts but will have the same pattern. There are two windows on river side of the house that will be changed. The applicant would like to widen them to take advantage of the view.

Laurel Holmes, owner of 29 West Mystic Avenue, appeared before the Commission to discuss a proposed addition on north side of her house that would encompass a mudroom and an expanded family room. The massing will mimic the original structure. The new roof has the same slope as the porch roof. A proposed south side bay window, which is repeated from the west side, may not be visible from a public way. Materials and design will match the existing house.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 1, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 1, 2014.

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Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. made by Kimenker, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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